AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A heat insulating container comprising a container body having a bottomed tubular shape and an outer shell that is formed by a foamed resin sheet having heat shrinkability and covers a peripheral wall of the container body with a space created between the peripheral wall and the outer shell, the outer shell including a tubular portion disposed opposite to the peripheral wall of the container body and an annular portion extending from an opening edge of a lower end of the tubular portion towards the inside of the tubular portion, and the annular portion having a distal end and a proximal end, in which the distal end is located farther from an inner peripheral surface of the tubular portion than the proximal end is and the annular portion extends in an inclined orientation with respect to a peripheral wall of the tubular portion, [[and]]

wherein the annular portion is formed so as to have the distal end with a space to a bottom portion of the container body so that air within the space heated by heated food in the container body is communicated with the outside via a lower end opening of the tubular portion, and the annular portion ~~is folded back~~ has a fold so as to extend back towards an inside of the tubular portion and ~~is tapered~~ has a taper so as to extend towards the distal end and so as to be away from the inner peripheral surface of the tubular portion,

wherein the outer shell includes a horizontal annular extension that extends from the distal end of the annular portion towards the center of the tubular portion, and

wherein the horizontal annular extension is formed with a distance defined between the horizontal annular extension and the bottom portion of the container body.

2-3. (Cancelled).